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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97, enclosed herewith are reference patents relating generally to the above-identified application. These references comprise patents of which Applicant was aware at the time of preparation of the present application. For the convenience of the Examiner, these references are listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08.

It is requested that the enclosed reference patents be considered in the examination of this application, and that their consideration be made of written record in the application file.

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